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Hey Rachel –

I wanted to let you know I received some information from IDEM's Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Water Quality regarding water testing in zone 3. She informed me that recently Miguel with the EPA spoke with her about some actions that are happening at the Superfund site. She's saying the EPA is providing bottled water and filters for residents participating in a pilot sampling program. My understanding is these properties were identified as priority for cleanup, and currently soil is being removed. Therefore, EPA is taking samples prior to the land disturbance and after the land disturbance to see if there is a presence of lead above the MCL. What I haven't been able to figure out is if these samples are looking solely at the lines or also the indoor plumbing? As you know this area is older, so I can only assume there are some old lead internal plumbing issues that are the owner's responsibility. Also, as far as the communication goes with the residents, what will happen if some of the sample results come back above the action level? How will they be informed and what should they do to address the issue?

I am basically looking for confirmation that I understand this correctly and any talking points you may have to provide. Or – maybe you just want us to refer everything to you.

Please let me know, and thanks!

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